

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

NOTICE AND ORDER

Effective immediately, under the authority granted in the Federal Judiciary Emergency Special Sessions Act of 2005, the United States District court for the Eastern District of Louisiana will conduct special sessions, as specified below, at such places within the United States outside the district as the nature of the business requires because, due to emergency conditions, there is no reasonably available location within the district where such special sessions can be conducted. The satellite Courthouse in Houma, Louisiana, while in the Eastern District of Louisiana, is available only for a limited number of proceedings and is not reasonably available to handle the full docket of the Eastern District.

Pursuant to this order and the Federal Judiciary Emergency Special Sessions Act, any business that may be transacted at a regular session of the district court may be transacted at a special session conducted outside the district, except that a criminal trial may not be conducted at a special session outside the State in which the crime has been committed unless the defendant consents to such a criminal trial.

In any case in which a special session is conducted pursuant to this order and the Federal Judiciary Emergency Special Sessions Act, the district court may summon jurors in civil proceedings from any part of the district in which the court ordinarily conducts business or the district in which it is holding a special session, and in criminal proceedings, the court may summon jurors from any part of the district in which the crime has been committed and, if the defendant so consents, from any district in which the court is conducting business under this order.

Contact information for the sections of the Eastern District will be set forth in a separate order, which will be posted on the Court's website.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana, September 12, 2005.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Berrigan', written over a horizontal line.

HELEN G. BERRIGAN, CHIEF JUDGE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE